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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Commission members present were: County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson; Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Dick Fowlkes, Renis Baker, and Stan Tyson.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; County Commissioners Betsy Hester and Cheryl Wilson; David Coleman, Budget Director; Joe Horne, Community Development Director; Mike Matteson and Ann Haines, Planning Department; William Andrews, Engineering Department; Elaine Vasquez, Randy Hickman, Greg Boll, and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; Purchasing Agent Leslie Mitchell; County Attorney Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Chad Collier, Collier Engineering; and other interested and concerned individuals.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for approval of the May 2, 2007 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: Chair Anderson stated that the next Highway Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 instead of the regular meeting date of Wednesday, July 4, 2007, which is a holiday. Appropriate notifications will be placed with the media, he concluded.

Citizens Communications: Mr. Bob Twigger, 4109 Oxford Glen, spoke on the traffic study done previously by Collier which did not include the Barrington Estates Subdivision. He asked if another study or a traffic calming program could be done for Barrington Estates. Mr. Twigger stated that Collier Engineering had been in the subdivision the day before performing a sight distance survey. Mr. Twigger reiterated that there had been two serious accidents recently in this area.

Ms. Pam Morrow, 4114 Oxford Glen, stated that the previous traffic study had been done before McKay's Mill had been rezoned for Page High School. Further, Ms. Morrow stated that many bus drivers were also concerned about safety and speeding in the neighborhood and concluded that she would appreciate approval of a speed study.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department New Facility Update. Mr. Boll stated that they had met with the architects on May 30th and received the preliminary drawings of the administrative building, maintenance building and quarry equipment building. Further, Mr. Boll stated that they had received the initial site elevations for the administrative building and were awaiting the site plan for the facility layout. The projected date to submit site plan and supporting documents for the Franklin Planning Commission is July 10, 2007. The project would then be discussed for approval at the August 8th Franklin Planning Commission meeting, concluded Mr. Boll.

Current status of roadway design on Murray Lane into Old Towne by Ryan Workman/Alley & Associates. Commissioner Fowlkes stated that he had no problems with the plan. Mr. Collier stated that he had reviewed the plan and as it meets the guidelines he recommends approval. Supt. Hood concurred with Mr. Collier.

Commissioner Fowlkes moved to accept the roadway design plan on Murray Lane into Old Towne, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 6-07-23. **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT ON ALL ROADS WITHIN THE TEMPLE HILLS SUBDIVISION IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TEMPLE ROAD.** Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend approval of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Baker.

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Commissioner Tyson stated that he had talked to many people in Temple Hills who want the speed limit reduced for safety, except on the main thoroughfare. Additionally, Commissioner Tyson stated to clarify the resolution, a list of all the interior roads will be added to the resolution as an amendment to be acted on by the Williamson County Commission.

Commissioner Tyson moved to amend the resolution to clarify the following interior roads in Temple Hills Subdivision: Abington Way, Andover Green, August National Ct., Baltusrol Rd., Bentley Ct., Bramley Cl., Bramley Pl., Brighton Ct., Brookline Ct., Carnousti Dr., Collinwood Cl., Collinwood Pl., Deer Park Cl., Deer Park Ln., Deercrest Cr., Doral Dr., Fairbourne Green, Hampden Ct., Heatherset Cl., Heatherset Pl., Murifield Ct., N. Berwick Ln., Oakland Hills Dr., Oakmont Dr., Pebble Beach Dr., Pinehurst Dr., Prestwick Ln., Sandcastle Rd., Seminole Dr., Sherbourne Green, Spalding Ct., St. Andrews Dr., Stratford Ct., Summerset Green, Temple Crest Dr., Temple Crest Trail, Temple Ridge Trail, Troon Ct., Wexford Ct., Whitley Ct., and Winged Foot Dr., seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion to amend passed unanimously, 5-0.

The resolution, as amended, passed unanimously, 5-0.

Stop sign request in Barrington Estates by Bob Twigger. Commissioner Fowlkes stated that he is against using stop signs to control speed.

Mr. Collier stated that he had talked with Mr. Twigger and visited the site again. Mr. Collier stated that the sight distance was adequate and stop signs were not warranted. Some sort of traffic calming could be a possibility, he concluded.

Commissioner Tyson asked about his request last month to reactivate the Speed Curtailment Committee.

Chair Anderson stated that Commission Chair Naron is not in attendance at today's meeting; but, he understands that no final decision has been made about this committee.

Mr. Collier stated that he shared some traffic calming information with Commissioners Naron and Walton.

Supt. Hood stated that he agreed with Mr. Collier that a stop sign was not warranted to slow down speeders.

Chair Anderson stated that no action would be taken by the Highway Commission and that that the reactivation of the committee would be looked into. Further he stated that he would send a letter to the Sheriff to patrol the area closer for speeders.

Upgrades to Tom Robinson Road by Paul Fleenor. Mr. Fleenor stated he was before the Highway Commission to ask for right-of-way improvements on Tom Robinson Road in Green Valley subdivision which would benefit Belle Vista Subdivision and improve the look of Green Valley Subdivision as well. Mr. Fleenor showed photos of the area and stated his purpose was to try to help the neighbors by removing brush and debris at the corner of Tom Robinson and Valley Ridge Roads. After review of the photos, Mr. Fleenor stated his main goal was to convince the County Highway Department to clean off the brush and enhance the side of the street in this area.

Supt. Hood stated that he didn't believe the landowners wanted the brush and trees cleared away in the area; however, they would look at the intersection for sight distance issues.

County Commissioner Betsy Hester stated that she appreciated Mr. Fleenor's concerns for the neighborhood, but that she was concerned about tax dollars being spent, an intermittent stream and privacy issues.

After further discussion, Commissioner Bennett stated that it was his opinion that Supt. Hood should be given the discretion of trimming trees to improve any sight distance issues.

Supt. Hood stated he would go back to the intersection and make any necessary adjustments for sight distance.

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Bid Results. Mrs. Mitchell stated that bids had been received for a brush chipper (see attachment) and that they were recommending the low bid which meets specifications of \$31,191.50 with Wilder Motor as the other one with Wilder did not meet specifications.

Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend the low bid of \$31,191.50 from Wilder, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

District Reports: Commissioner Tyson stated he had received one call from a resident asking about the Temple Road paving schedule. There were no other district reports.

Superintendent Report: Supt. Hood referenced the May 2007 Activity Report, and the road construction/bridge projects for 2007-08.

Chairman's Report: The chair had no report.

Legal Issues: There were no legal issues to be discussed in closed session.

Mr. Cook stated that plans were sent to each of the five individuals whose right-of-ways have not been returned on Temple Road. The five outstanding homeowners on Temple Road were given the road plans and documentation concerning their individual property for comment and/or proposed suggestions to revise the plans. The homeowners were given an original date of June 4, 2007 to reply but were given an extension to July 11, 2007 to respond.

Chair Anderson reminded the Commission members that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 instead of Wednesday, July 4, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 a.m., upon duly made motion and second, as there was no further business.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor